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April Ag Prices Received

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Montana's April 2011 full month crop prices were higher when compared with March 2011, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Winter wheat was \$6.88 per bushel, up \$0.19 from March, spring wheat was \$8.02 per bushel, up \$0.32, and durum wheat was \$8.59 per bushel, up \$0.92, feed barley was \$4.51 per bushel, up \$0.30, and malt barley was \$4.41 per bushel, up \$0.12 from March.

The mid-May price for alfalfa hay increased \$5.00 to \$85.00 per ton and all other hay rose \$5.00 to \$80.00 per ton. Mid-May grain prices were up when compared with April. The winter wheat price was \$7.45 per bushel, spring wheat was \$10.00 per bushel, malt barley was \$5.03 per bushel, and feed barley was \$4.77 per bushel.

The all milk price was \$20.70 per cwt in mid-May 2011, compared with \$20.20 per cwt in April and \$14.70 per cwt for April 2010.

Nationally, prices for April and changes from March were as follows: winter wheat was \$7.39 per bushel, up \$0.37, spring wheat was \$8.67 per bushel, up \$0.65, durum wheat was \$8.60 per bushel, up \$0.45, malt barley was \$4.25 per bushel, down \$0.07, feed barley was \$4.32 per bushel, up \$0.05, oats were \$3.53 per bushel, up \$0.25, steers and heifers were \$122.00 per cwt, up \$4.00, cows were \$78.90 per cwt, up \$3.70, calves were \$147.00 per cwt, down \$1.00, lambs were \$181.00 per cwt, up \$12.00, and all milk was \$19.60 per cwt, down \$0.80. April sheep prices were \$68.80 per cwt.

The U.S. mid-May winter wheat price was \$7.70 per bushel, spring wheat was \$9.20 per bushel, durum wheat was \$8.44 per bushel, malt barley was \$4.49 per bushel, feed barley was \$4.87 per bushel, and oats were \$3.49 per bushel, alfalfa hay was \$186.00 per ton, and all other hay was \$112.00 per ton. Steer and heifer prices were \$118.00 per cwt, cows were \$79.10 per cwt, calves were \$141.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$19.40 per cwt.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from April. The Crop Index is unchanged but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, eggs, and strawberries and higher prices for hay, broilers, celery, and lettuce. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, cantaloupes, broilers, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, milk, and soybeans.

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Montana Average Farm Prices Received

| Commodity | UNIT | Monthly Average | | | | Change from Previous | | Mid-Month Avg | |
|-------------------|------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| | | Montana | | | U.S. | Month | Year | Montana | U.S. |
| | | Apr 2010 | Mar 2011 | Apr 2011 | Apr 2011 | Mar 2011 | Apr 2010 | 15-May-11 | 15-May-11 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | | | |
| Winter Wheat | Bu | 4.51 | 6.69 | 6.88 | 7.39 | +0.19 | +2.37 | 7.45 | 7.70 |
| Durum Wheat | Bu | 4.15 | 7.67 | 8.59 | 8.60 | +0.92 | +4.44 | na | 8.44 |
| Spring Wheat | Bu | 5.65 | 7.70 | 8.02 | 8.67 | +0.32 | +2.37 | 10.00 | 9.20 |
| All Wheat | Bu | 4.97 | 7.22 | 7.48 | 8.04 | +0.26 | +2.51 | 8.68 | 8.19 |
| All Barley | Bu | 4.22 | 4.28 | 4.42 | 4.27 | +0.14 | +0.20 | 4.99 | 4.57 |
| Feed Barley | Bu | 2.38 | 4.21 | 4.51 | 4.32 | +0.30 | +2.13 | 4.77 | 4.87 |
| Malt Barley | Bu | 4.54 | 4.29 | 4.41 | 4.25 | +0.12 | -0.13 | 5.03 | 4.49 |
| Oats | Bu | na | 2.53 | na | 3.53 | na | na | na | 3.49 |
| Alfalfa Hay | Ton | 90.00 | 80.00 | 80.00 | 155.00 | 0.0 | -10.00 | 85.00 | 186.00 |
| All Other Hay | Ton | 88.00 | 74.00 | 75.00 | 103.00 | +1.00 | -13.00 | 80.00 | 112.00 |
| All Hay Baled | Ton | 90.00 | 79.00 | 79.00 | 141.00 | 0.0 | -11.00 | 84.00 | 169.00 |
| All Milk | Cwt | 14.70 | 19.20 | 20.20 | 19.60 | +1.00 | +5.50 | 20.70 | 19.40 |
| na-not available. | | | | | | | | | |